



PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a) Docket Number (Optional) 2354/141 (FF34527/02)

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In re Application of Melrose et al.

Application Number 10/053,088

Filed January 18, 2002

For ANTIMICROBIAL POLYMERIC COMPOSITIONS AND METHOD OF TREATMENT USING THEM

Group Art Unit 1751

Examiner Preeti Kumar

This is a request under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a) to extend the period for filing a reply in the above identified application.

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The requested extension and appropriate entity fee are as follows (check time period desired):

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- ☒ Applicant claims small entity status.
- ☒ A check to cover the fee is enclosed.
- ☐ Payment by credit card. Form PTO-2038 is attached.
- ☐ The Commissioner has already been authorized to charge fees in this application to a Deposit Account.
- ☒ The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account Number 14-1138.  
I have enclosed a duplicate copy of this sheet.

I am the ☐ applicant/inventor

☐ assignee of record of the entire interest. See 37 CFR 3.71.  
Statement under 37 CFR 3.73(b) is enclosed. (Form PTO/SB/96).

☒ attorney or agent of record.

☐ attorney or agent under 37 CFR 1.34(a).  
Registration number if acting under 37 CFR 1.34(a) \_\_\_\_\_.

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